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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Annual President's Report 2024-2025

As an eventful year draws to a close with our AGM it can be said a lot has happened over the past twelve months.

Members will be aware that there was a change of President. After nearly seven years I had made the Board aware that I did not wish to continue in the post of President. Fortunately, Terry Jones put up his hand. Thankfully the Board agreed to my resignation and accepted the nomination of Terry.

As I have been President for most of the year the writing of the report has fallen to me, for the last time.

Terry threw himself energetically into the post. I am pleased to say he has indicated he will be standing for the President's position next year and I have no hesitation in nominating him, backed by members of the Board.

The AGM is, of course, the time to elect our Board for the next year.

You will see later in this report that we have achieved a great deal in the past twelve months. Despite this, there is still a lot to do, chiefly finding a new location for the workshop. Our lease from Girl Guides Australia was for five years. We have used nearly two years of that already. Members of the Board are working very hard on this matter. We are still dealing with all parties in an effort to resolve this matter.

The beginning of the year saw the introduction of a new accounting system. If we hope to get grants to help with securing our workshop for the future we needed totally transparent accounts. Various systems were introduced in relation to money in and out of the workshop. We closed the card collection as it was costing us money each month and instead obtained a Tyro card reader / EFTPOS machine. This method charges on each transaction with no monthly fee. We moved the bank accounts to Bendigo Bank. The card payment system is now in the workshop as well at Bunnings BBQs and Club sales. Terry has computerised sales in the workshop.



There were several successful sales events during the year.

We attended the two days of the Gosford Show, had an Open Day in conjunction with the Lapidary Club next door, and attended the two days of the Artisan Harvest Festival at Jilliby School.

At events where both club and member items are being offered for sale new rules from both the Charity Commission and Men's Sheds Association prohibit the transfer of money from Club accounts to members. Terry has solved this problem by privately purchasing a Square EFTPOS device, with the associated separate bank account. In this way all members private sales are dealt with outside Club finances. As well as this Don Crittenden has devised a spreadsheet to help deal with paperwork and accounting at private members' sales.

Whilst we are still fine tuning the layout in the workshop there is a lot to see in the workshop yard.

The second container is in place and completely fitted out with shelving. A team of builders led by Mark Board has now built a roof spanning the new container and the gap between the two containers. Shelving in the second container and the space between the two containers was donated to the Club via Rob Zwart. Bernie Careil is in the process of making labels for the different types of wood. There is still a lot of wood donated to the Club which needs to be cut. Members of the club, with the necessary skills, are slowly getting this cut and stored. All this wood is available to Club members at a fraction the cost of buying wood on the open market.

The workshop is now open six days a week. As well as the previous opening times and days we added Thursday afternoon. This is still intended for experienced turners and affords board members and instructors a time when they will be free of administration and instruction in order to get on with their own projects. The opening time on Thursday has moved forward to 10.00am to 2.00pm. The Board also agreed to open on a Wednesday evening. This was to cater for people who work full time and have family commitments at the weekend. On the first night of this new time slot five new members joined. Membership is slowly increasing and there is a steady flow of new members. Many of these are 'walk-ins' but others have learned about us from flyers at shows, radio adverts and word of mouth.



With all these new members it was timely that Skeeter was able to complete the training course he had been running. The need for new instructors was recognised some years ago but pandemic closures kept interrupting things. After three false starts Skeeta was finally able to complete the course and four new instructors were added to the list. When talking about instructors I must recognise the incredible contribution made by Ron Gibbs and John 'Rooster' Lea.



A feature of the year was two special events that took place. I have already mentioned the open day with the Lapidary Club. It was great to welcome the public into both workshops. This event is to be repeated in November. We also were able to help the Scouts, our neighbours on the other side. They were doing a project on wood and asked if we could do some turning. We welcomed a group of scouts 11-14 years old and they were all able to go home with a pen they had turned. Once again it was fantastic to see members giving up their own time to help with this event.

Thanks to Rooster we enjoyed a great Christmas lunch at Angel Sussuri (a local restaurant). This was well attended and repeated again for Christmas in July.

Thanks to our chief pie eater, we were invited to add a small table of our products to the art gallery at Heatherbrae's Pies. This allows two members to sell some of their creations. Sales usually attract a levy of 15%, 10% to the gallery and 5% to the Club. This has

proved profitable so far and hopefully other members will want to take part. The table provides limited space, so we only allow two members at a time. These change every two months.

As I am reporting on events, I cannot leave out the Bunnings BBQs. As a source of revenue, they are second-to-none. Ian Stokes and his team of helpers operate a well-founded system that sees an average income in excess of \$2,000 on each occasion. This is a very popular fund raiser amongst local charities and fund raisers. Bunnings have promised us four sales a year. Creighton's continue to support us though have changed from donating store cards for us to use as raffle prizes to one annual donation. There have also been other donations in kind from local outlets.

With the age range of our members, it is only natural that we will experience some loss. However, the passing of Brian "Skeeta" Wilson was a great loss to the Club. It was great surprise to those members actively involved at the workshop. One day Skeeta was with us and the next week he was gone. Skeeta was an active instructor all the time I have been a member. On a personal note, I still feel Skeeta's presence and influence in the workshop. He will be greatly missed.

**If, like me, you've ever been
accused of being raised in a
barn and want to talk about it,
remember...**

My door is always open.

Lastly, I must thank all the members of the Board who have supported Terry and me throughout the year. There have been other members, not on the Board, who have also given a lot of time to making the Club a better place for members; thanks to them as well. Most of all thanks to all members and friends who have supported me through the ups and downs of the past few years.

... Peter

The Club's Milling Machine:

For those that weren't aware, the Club has a milling machine that has just been relocated to one of the containers at The Workshop.

It has been residing in my workshop for many years, where it was always available for members to use.

It will take timber that is up to 400mm wide and 1500mm long.

There is a cost (per cut) for the machines use.

Peter H, Mark B and myself are trained to use it, so if you have the need then please see us.

Also, please remember that it is only a relatively small machine, so we have to take it slowly and look after the equipment.

Note: It does not like cutting Australian hardwoods... Alan



**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop
held on Saturday 20th September 2025**

The meeting was opened at 11.45am by Terry Jones who welcomed our Guest Speaker Max Bartlett



Max gave a talk on his passion / skills in renovating clocks and making scale models of sailing boats and various horse drawn carts, carriages and cannons.

Show and Tell: Conducted by: Adam Tandowski

Name:	Item:	Woods used:
Ron Gibbs	Manta Ray Box	Camphor & Ebony
Ron Gibbs	Manta Ray Bowl	Camphor
Ron Gibbs	Vase	Camphor
Ron Gibbs	Square Plate Col	Rosewood
Ron Gibbs	Square Plate Col	Rosewood
Roger Dixon	Square Plate Col	Blackbutt or Tassie Oak
Mark Board	Lamp Stand Segmented	Jacaranda Western Red Cedar
Don Crittenden	Tea Light	We think it was Pear tree
Steve Farr	Happy Hound toy	Pine and Tassie Oak
Bryan Lydford	Kangaroo Toy	Pine

Winner Bryan Lydford.

Lucky Door Prize: Ferdie Sullik

Attendance: 15 members, 9 apologies, nil associates, and visitors Max Bartlett and his family members.

Welfare:

- ✚ Don Crittenden has been unwell but it was great to see him at the meeting.
- ✚ Bernie Careil has been in hospital with a heart condition. He has been told to rest and is seeing his specialist next week.
- ✚ Sue Wood is slowly getting better.
 - Our thoughts and well-wishes go out to them all.



Minutes: It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Don Crittenden that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in August 2025 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising: Will be covered in other business

Coming Events:

- Bunnings BBQ Monday 6th October 2025
- AGM and 40th Anniversary lunch 18th October 2025
- Simon Beggs Demo at Newcastle Wood Turners 25th October 2025
- Bunnings BBQ Sunday 2nd November 2025
- Club Open Day Saturday 8th November 2025
- Toukley Art Fair Saturday 15th November 2025



Correspondence:

Inwards: Hearing Testing at the club with Hearing Australia (Steve to follow up and set date).
Energy Savings through the Men's Shed (low energy lighting and water heater) ...following up.
Home Schooling enquiry (Terry following up)

Outwards:

✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by John Butlin that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Chris Strong presented the reports for August 2025.

Operating Account - +\$3209.01

Savings Account – Same as Last month

Toy Fund - +\$75.00

New Members: Below is a list of new members that have joined the club in the last few months.

Adam Ryan, Adam Tandowski, Geoff Smyth, Harry Watts, Jane Beaney, John Tikisci, Julie Stewart, Lachlan Bowtell, Louis Boyle, Mark Hughes, Molly Gill, Nikita Obermuller, Pat O'Sullivan and Winn Wessels.

We the Board would like to officially welcome them to the club and wish them many happy hours of Wood Turning etc in the future.

Raffle: Due to the low attendance, there was no raffle.

Other Reports:

Workshop: The Workshop is going well with good attendance on all days, and the Wednesday evening training class is full. Thanks to Ron, Richard W. and Bernie for all their hard work.

It was noticed that oily rags are being left in the bins in the workshop. As they are a serious fire hazard would you please ensure all oily rags are either washed out in soapy water and put out to dry or thrown away into one of the bins outside the workshop.

Carvers: Still no weekly meeting but we are pleased to hear Sue is on the mend. Our best wishes go out to Sue.

Scrollers: No Scrollers at this stage.

Toys: The toy box is ready by the door for any of your donations. Remember mark the wrapped presents with the gender and age the toy is meant for. It was disappointing to note though that only two members made toys during the month for the toy drive. This is a very worthwhile initiative and deserves more support.



Library: There are lots of books are in the library, with great ideas and examples for you to try.

Merchandise: If you need anything please contact Don, Peter or Terry and they will help.

General Business:

Terry reported Creighton's donated \$1000 to the club for 2025 – 2026 sponsorship.

Alan Smith reminded all members of Bill Allen's tools for sale, see the Hobby Turner for details and contact phone number.

Alan Smith also explained he will organize a training session for the Horizontal Band Saw which has now been relocated to the workshop, and the Club needs to organize the purchase of wedges and other tools required when using the Saw and work out a date and time with Alan.



Smile! It makes people wonder what you've been up to.

Terry reported the progress of the 40th Anniversary celebrations and he will send out a formal invitation to all members and their partners in the next few days.

The AGM will be held at 11:30am on Saturday 18th October at the Alison Homestead – before the 40th celebrations.

Heatherbrae Pie's Sales: Terry explained that the two months trial is almost complete and anyone interested in having their items in the gallery should contact Peter, Nathalie or Dom to explain the process.

Timber Sales: Terry and Ron explained that we now have a large variety of timber in our storage area and would love to sell it to members.

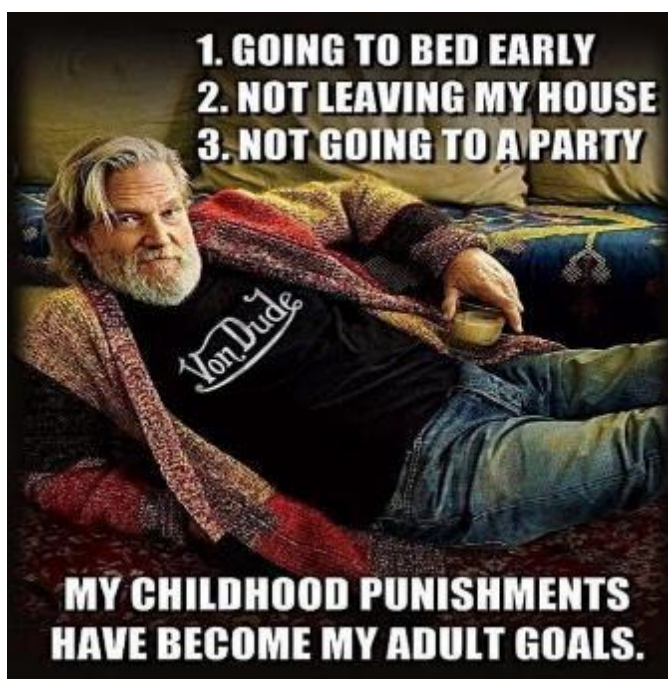
Shop opening hours: We are changing the shop opening hours on workshop days to 9:00am to 11:00am this will allow those who are closing the books for the day to complete this process before the workshop's normal closing times.

Next Meeting:

Annual General meeting will be at 11.30am on Saturday 18th October 2025. @ Alison Homestead.

Board meeting Friday 10th October 2025 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop

The meeting closed at 2:07pm.



Guest Speaker... Max Bartlett:



At our last monthly meeting we were very lucky to have a visit from a very talented local artisan called Max Bartlett, who was accompanied by his wonderful family. Thank you, Terry, for organising this.

Max is a retired gentleman who spends a lot of time making the most intricate timber scale models of ships, sailing boats, various horse drawn carts, carriages and cannons.

This is his passion and he does it all from a small workshop on one side of his rumpus room.



These models are definitely not kits that he has put together. He sources the red cedar, brass etc and makes every piece by hand. When you look at his work closely, you will see that it is extremely high quality, with the most intricate attention to detail. Some of the little brass nails, for example, have heads smaller than 1mm and all have been hand-crafted. The cannons are perfect replicas too, and Max says that they would even fire if properly prepared.

Max spent a large part of his working life as a fitter machinist with State Rail, where he



maintained and repaired many of their large fleet of rolling stock.

He said that he hated to see waste, and that after many projects there were heaps of items, like old cedar and brass, that was destined for the tip. He put it all to very good use.

Over the years he also made three models of the Endeavour and several other large ships.

He also enjoyed designing, building and repairing many styles of wall and mantle clocks.

He is a very humble man who spoke well about his projects and he happily answered many questions.

Everyone present was extremely impressed by his talent, and his easy-going nature made it a real pleasure to listen to his story.

I was also very impressed by the support shown by his family. They are obviously very proud of Max and were delighted that he had the opportunity to visit with us and relate his story.

... Alan









The Workshop.



On behalf of the Club, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Max, and his family, for joining us to share his knowledge and passion for his wonderful creations... Alan

(I am also privileged to have a copy of the plans for a couple of his wagons.
If anyone would like a copy of these then please just send me an email request.)

Annual Membership Fees



Membership fees are now due. Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

So, you will need to renew our \$60 annual membership fees. 😊.

If you only joined in the last few months then we don't expect you to pay again.

Thanks to those who have already done this.

Fees can be paid by:

- ✚ Cash at the Clubhouse
- ✚ EFPOS at the Clubhouse
- ✚ Direct Bank Transfer to our New Bendigo Bank account. I've paid mine this way and the details are
 - Account Name - Central Coast Woodturners Cooperative
 - BSB 633000
 - Account number - 220952246
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Letters to the Editor:

Hi Guys,

Most of you won't know this but when I was using a lathe in the workshop a few days ago, I passed out and collapsed on the floor.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who rushed to my aid, especially Rooster. They helped me and kept me safe until the ambulance arrived.

I spent the night in hospital, and I'm happy to say that, after quite a scare, I'm back on deck.

Thanks again for your help guys... Ferdie Sullick



Hi Folks,

We need to thank all of those members who have donated articles to the Club for us to sell. Unfortunately, though, our supplies are running very low.

We would like to encourage all members to show their ongoing support by making 1, 2 or heaps, of items for the Club to continue its fundraising effort.

All donations will, as always, be very gratefully accepted and the proceeds will all go towards keeping our Club running and saving for our Building Fund.

Remember that our lease here expires in a couple of years with no chance of renewal.

Our Board, and others, are working overtime to find a new location but we need your help.

Thank you in anticipation... Dom.

Hi, again, folks,

I would like to remind everyone that we have lots of supplies, like sandpaper, glue etc for sale in the Club Store.

We are also very lucky to have a large supply of timber available for turning, carving, pyrography etc.

With our "new" containers and shelving we have, at long last, been able to store the timber undercover in a very well-ventilated area.

Thanks to all of the gentlemen and ladies who spent many hours cutting and storing all of this wood... Dom

Important message to all members:

A couple of days ago the blade on the Club bandsaw was damaged and removed for safety reasons. It was folded up and put aside for repair or, probably, replacement.

When the workshop was opened up today though, it was found that the blade had been put back on the band saw, and the saw had been used.

After checking with our Workshop Manager and others who are qualified to make these decisions, we still don't know who did it.

[We can't stress enough that ALL equipment can only be serviced, repaired etc by those with the designated authority to do so.](#)

[Failure to follow this basic guideline could very easily result in severe injury or worse.](#)

If you know who did this, or have any questions, please let me know... Mark Board

Adding to our wood supply:



As mentioned earlier we now have a large supply of wood available for members.

It's at The Workshop and readily available.

IT IS NOT FREE.

All proceeds from the sale of timber will go into the Club's Maintenance and Building Funds.

Thanks go to all of the members who put in a lot of time and effort in finding, collecting, cutting and storing all of this lovely timber... Alan





Nat doing a Demo at the Erina Men's Shed:



We recently held a sale at Erina Men's Shed Open Day. Nathalie very capably stepped up to show everyone just how it's done. Nat is relatively new to woodworking but has produced some wonderful turned pieces, as well as some lovely carving and pyrography.

She is certainly a very talented young lady.





Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

“Projects: To Do” folder.

We should all have a folder on our computer where we can save projects that inspire and challenge us.

We should also keep a notebook beside our TV chair because you never know when inspiration will strike.



My phone just changed to all Chinese characters. I could call Telstra, or to save time, I could just learn Chinese.



**After all these years my wife still thinks I'm sexy.
Every time I walk past, she says "What an ass!".**

What's on.	When.	Contact
Monthly meeting Wood turning Carving Scroll Sawing Pyrography	3rd Saturday of each month @12.30pm @The Workshop. Mon, Fri and Sat mornings 8am until noon. Wed evening 5 until 9pm. Thurs afternoon for Trainers and Board members only. Tues @ 10am @ The Workshop. TBA TBA	Peter H, Ron G Sue TBA Valda Barton

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Hi Folks,

Well, the weather has been mostly lovely and all of the terrorists (aka tourists) have just headed back to Sydney after the school holidays.

Thousands of kids across Australia will be gearing up for their final exams and planning either, more future study, or joining the work force.

Now, I know that there are some absolutely amazing young folk out there who will go on to do wonderful things with their lives, but unfortunately there are a few others that make me worry.

A little while back I bought some cough and cold items from the local chemist. I mentioned that it was for my wife and was told that she needs to be careful if she's breastfeeding or pregnant.



I thought it was funny but quite ludicrous at the time.

Well, it happened again last week.

I needed a couple of cans of spray paint from Bunnings.

Lyn was going shopping and offered to pick them up while she was out.

It all went well until she had to produce ID to show that she was over 16 in order to buy the paint.

I'm thinking that artificial intelligence has been invented because real intelligence and common sense are on the decline.

Take care and stay safe... Alan.

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